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B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April 4,
1 9 3 1.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Rome, Italy.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you for your kind letter of the 20th ult. received today. And congratulate you on the ownership of the Cincinnati Mining and Trading Company gold coin, a specimen of which I have never had the pleasure of even handling. But as I knew you were interested in the rare pioneer trial and pattern coins, I thought that you might be interested in the pattern $5.00 piece of this excessively rare issue.

As you say that you are always glad to hear from me about rare pieces, I wonder if you would be interested in the New Orleans Mint Half Dollar of 1838. The first an only specimen of which I ever handled is now in my possession.

Personally, I believe this coin to be one of the very rarest of all American coins. It is undoubtedly the second rarest Half Dollar and in point of number known to exist, far more rare than the 1804 Dollar. If you are interested I shall be mighty happy to hear from you.

Again thanking you, and with kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
Numismatist

AUCTION DEPARTMENT

Fort Worth, Texas

April 4,
1 9 3 1.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Wonder if you have had a chance to glance through my fine Auction Sale catalog which I sent you March 21st. It is for my Sale to be held on April 14th.

The first ten pages offer you a fine opportunity to get some of the scarce United States notes you have been looking for, - or maybe it is some of the regular U. S. silver series which you will find listed on pages 10 to 22; - then comes the U. S. gold; then an interesting little collection of ancient silver coins; - some more U. S. gold, including the beautiful 1879 $4.00 gold piece; a nice collection of Large U. S. Cents; Pioneer and Territorial gold, including some real rarities, and most anything you may lack in your collection.

You still have time to get your bids in, so won't you take the bid sheet which I herewith enclosed for your convenient use, jot down the lots in which you are interested, with your bids for them, and return to me in the enclosed self-addressed envelope? I assure you that I will execute them for you just as carefully as if you had yourself been present at the Sale.

Anticipating the pleasure of having you represented at this fine Sale, and assuring you of my earnest endeavor to serve you most satisfactorily, I am

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF

Of course, you will very likely want a Price List of this Important Sale so I herewith enclose convenient order card for your use.

Market offers.

20,000	K+M+R		19,419
1,500	Brs	1,500 - 500 =	1,000
7,581	22 Col.		7,581
29,081			28,000
			10,000
			18,000

Trade explanation:

Kohlers:	7,419
Brandeis (net)	1,000
22 Col.	7,581
	16,000
paid	10,000
	6,000.

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Assn retained-Guilt Bridge
Dorchester Trust Co. (1st Mtg)

7,581.25
1,516.25

9,097.50

20%

Bankers Loan Note

1,000.

10,097.50
7,500

17,597.50

8,081.25
1,616.25
1,500.
7,500.

18,697.50
10,500

8,197.50

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4/5ths price in the Mass 7,500
" " Reid 4,500
" " 8,081.25
Cost of horses retained 1,616.25
20% Reduction 7,500

9,081.25

29,681.25
12,000

17,681.25
10,500

6,581.25

29,081.75
10,500.
18,581.25 for which I am willing to accept a check for 18,000 in full settlement.

If I deduct from this amount the sum given me by Mr. Allen (7,500) and then paid by me to Reid (4,500), which I do not owe at this time, there remains $6,000. Ellen had to pay my clerk hire out of this amount.

Purchase price
Cash — ~~Note~~

Allowed all the Cash discounts for cash $28,000

Less: Trade allowance given [illegible]

Cash to be paid: [illegible]

Original Loan 17,500 - 4,500 12,000

Note (Loan not at present time) 16,000

Credit check 10,000 - Bonus 500 10,500

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Reid cost 3,500 — 4,500

3 prices to $21,000

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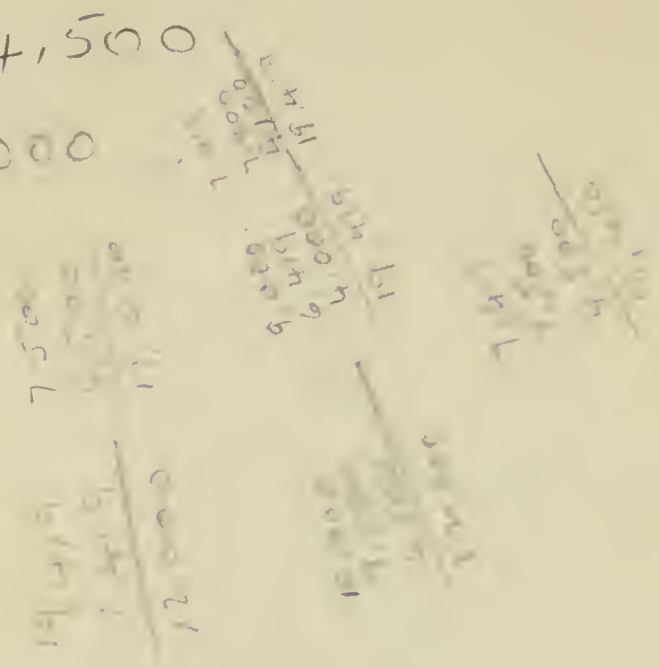

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL

700 ROOMS — 700 BATHS

RADIO IN EVERY ROOM

BALTIMORE, MD.

Oct. 19, 1931

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

Following your kind suggestion, I have carefully analyzed the Colonial Section of the Newcomer collection with the idea of your obtaining the specimens you desire at a minimum cost. I believe you will find the following analysis attractive and one which will prove satisfactory and profitable.

Promptly upon my return from my visit to you this morning, I added up on a machine the total of the Colonial Collection. I find the total is $52,668.00.

Here is the way I analyze the proposition so that you may secure the coins you desire at a minimum cost and eventually, after the sale of the duplicates, the coins you will retain will cost you even less.

Original cost of entire collection,	$52,668.00
Less 15%	7,900.20
Net cost of ENTIRE collection	$44,834.80
The coins you have listed as those you want and may want total up to	$21,868.00
Plus 10% above actual cost	2,186.80
	$24,054.80
The net cost of the entire collection,	$44,834.
Less coins retained	24,054.
Net cost of the balance of all the	$20,779.

duplicates or coins you do not care for amount to $20,979. These actually cost Mr. Newcomer $31,347.00.

In other words, all and you would pay only 10% above actual cost for the coins you select for your col-

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2. Hon. John W. Garrett 10/10/31.

lection, the duplicates or those you may not care for will cost you about 65% less than original cost.

These I shall be pleased to undertake to sell for you on a commission basis of 10% from the amount realized, but in no instance to net you less than the net cost to you. While some of these coins will probably only bring cost but there are so many which will bring far above not only the net cost to you but above the original cost to Mr. Newcomer. In the final analysis, the cost of the rarities you will select will be brought down to a very small amount indeed.

As mentioned to you this morning, I have several prospective purchases for many of the die varieties of the various Colonial Cents and some of the rarities. I feel certain of successful outcome of the sale of the surplus or duplicate coins.

Of course the entire collection or any portion of it you may desire, will be submitted to you for your careful examination and selection and I shall remain here in Baltimore to relieve you of any bother in packing or shipping of the coins.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours very cordially,

October 26,1931.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have gone over all the coins you left with me very carefully and have selected the ones that I want to purchase of which I enclose the cards. You will see from them that the total, as far as the Colonial pieces are concerned, is $8,051.

I have not yet made up my mind in regard to the three Territorial pieces that you left with me, but I expect to take one of them at any rate. I enclose a check to your order for $3,000. as a preliminary payment and shall be glad to hear just what per cent, if any, you consider it necessary to add to the Colonial purchases. We can settle this matter by correspondence, or preferably by conversation if and when you come East before I leave about the middle of December for Rome.

I am sending you by express today the coins that I do not want to keep and I have insured them for $40,000. I am also sending

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under separate cover the cards for those coins.

I am sorry that it was not possible under the unusual circumstances to come to a different arrangement about the pieces I want, but I explained the whole matter very frankly from my side as you did from yours.

The coins sent you are all of those you left with me with the exception (1) of those on the enclosed cards; (2) of the three gold pieces; and (3) of the Brasher Doubloon which you took away in your pocket.

In addition to the coins above referred to my counterfeit Brasher Doubloon is in the box with the returned coins. I understood you to say you would credit me with $ [illegible] for this piece.

I shall be much obliged if you would confirm the above and let me know that the coins,etc. have all safely arrived.

It was a pleasure to talk with you and I look forward to many future dealings between

us when times are a little better.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

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October 18, 1951.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

In conversation with some prominent collectors here, my acquisition of the Newcomer collection created quite a sensation as the collection contains so many rarities which come on the market probably only once or twice in a lifetime.

Am particularly anxious to make a good and prompt showing with results to Mr. Newcomer. For that reason, would now be prepared to sell a goodly portion at prices much lower than they would command a little later on. I have in mind the three great Territorial rarities I left with you.

With your knowledge of rarities I shall not say anything about the Kohler $50.00 gold piece. However, I feel certain that in the not too distant future this unique rarity will be valued at more than the total amount I priced the three coins I left with you.

Of the Massachusetts and California $5.00 gold piece there are only three specimens known including the one in the U. S. Mint collection. Since the coinage of this piece, over eighty years ago, only one heretofore unknown specimen came to light, the one in the Lawrence sale which was discovered and sold about seven years ago. Dr. Lawrence paid $5,000.00 for it, and when his collection was sold at auction two years ago, this same coin brought $7,900.00.

The Templeton Reid $10.00 gold is certainly as rare as the Mass. and Calif. $5.00. Not a single specimen of the Templeton Reid $10.00 has ever been offered at auction. To the best of my knowledge, only three specimens are known to exist. Since there are at least six specimens known of the Templeton Reid $5.00, the last of which a slightly mutilated piece, sold for over $4,000.00 and I understand that another specimen was sold some time ago for $7,500.00, surely the $10.00 coin is worth a great deal more.

After the above analysis I feel that these coins realistically could be fairly priced at $25,000. Don't you think, Mr. Garrett, that my price of $21,000. is most fair and consistent with the values of the coins?

However, as mentioned before, I am anxious to make a prompt and favorable decision for Mr. Newcomer and if you think the amount you suggested, that of $20,000. is sufficient, I will abide by your opinion and accept that amount for them now.

I am positive that the ownership of these three great coins and their addition to your wonderful collection will prove a most gratifying source of possession to you.

I am leaving for home this afternoon and shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience. In the meantime, I want to thank you for the courtesies you so kindly extended me while in Baltimore. It was a genuine pleasure to see you again.

With kind personal regards.

Yours very cordially,

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

October 31,
1 9 3 1.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 26th inst. with your check for $10,000.00 which I received yesterday afternoon. The coins and cards also arrived safely.

Have checked over the list of coins you retained and after a careful analysis I have decided to make you the following proposition, which I believe you will recognize as most fair.

If you will recall, during our last conversation over the telephone, you asked me approximately how much more the coins will cost than the prices paid by Mr. Newcomer, or rather the prices listed on the cards. I told you that they would cost on an average of about 20% or 25% more with the exception of the Brashear Spanish Doubloon which I stated would cost $1500.00, and I believe it would bring a great deal more today if offered at auction or submitted to some other collectors who are interested in United States and South American gold.

However, for the reason as outlined to you in my letter from New York under date of last Monday, - (desiring to make prompt a good showing to Mr. Newcomer, to whom I believe a goodly size remittance would now be welcome) - I have decided to make you the following proposition of the coins you retained:

Total Colonial coins retained, - - - -	$ 8,081.25
Less the Brashear Doubloon, Newcomer specimen,	500.00
	$ 7,581.25
Price of the Brashear Doubloon, - - - -	1,500.00
Special price for the three Territorial gold rarities; the Kohler unique $50.00 gold piece, Massachusetts and California $5.00 gold, (last record $7900.00), and the Templeton Reid $10.00 gold, - - - - - - - - - - - -	20,000.00
Total,	$ 29,081.25

Total brought forward, - - - - -		$ 29,081.25
Credit; by check, - -	$ 10,000.00	
By Doubloon you returned, the Ten Eyck specimen, cost $262.00,	500.00	
Total credit, - - - -		$ 18,581.25

Will accept check now for $18,000. in full settlement of the above.

The above proposition makes the Colonial coins cost you, including the Doubloon, less than 10% above the cost to Mr. Newcomer, and as these coins were purchased a number of years ago, I believe you will recognize them a genuine bargain. Of course, the above offer is made for the entire lot as listed.

I cannot help but feel that after you will give the above your careful consideration you will agree with me that I am offering you a most advantageous opportunity to secure some of the greatest rarities for your own wonderful collection and that the opportunity for the purchase is just as rare, if not more so, than are the coins.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

November 2,1931.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have your letter of of October 31st, but the proposition, given the conditions today, is more than I should care to undertake.

I should like you to consider and let me know the best offer you could make for a cash payment by me to cover the 22 Colonial pieces which I selected and to which you have the cards, plus the Kohler piece, omitting the Massachusetts and California and Reid pieces. I might be able to consider the two latter and other pieces next year but not at present.

Thanks very much for the catalogues which I shall return shortly.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail.

November 4,
1 9 3 1.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

I thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter of the 31st ult. Regret that you do not feel justified in considering the proposition as outlined to you in my previous letter, as having in mind to make a prompt favorable report to Mr. Newcomer I endeavored in every possible way to make my offer to you most reasonable and attractive.

Have gone over the coins you retained, or rather their cards, very carefully and feel that the proposition as I have outlined below will meet with your approval, as I think you will recognize it as fair and most consistent.

The coins you retained, (excepting the Spanish Brashear Doubloon), total - - - -	$8.081.25
20% above cost (originally figured on the basis of 25%), - - - - - - -	1,616.25
Brashear Doubloon (believe this coin would bring up to $2500.00 if offered on open market,) - - - - - - - -	1,500.00
Kohler unique $50.00 gold piece, - -	10,000.00
	$ 21,197.50
Credit, the Spanish Brashear Doubloon you returned, - - - - - $ 500.00	
By check, - - - - - - 10,000.00	
	10,500.00
Balance,	$ 10,697.50

Although the discount offered in my previous letter was for your purchase of all the coins you retained, however, I am willing to allow a proportionate or even a little greater than a proportionate discount on this lot and will make the balance on the above coins $10,350.00. You will note that I still allow you $500.00 for your Doubloon.

When we consider that more than twenty years ago the 1877 $50.00 gold piece sold for $10,000.00, I believe that you will agree with me that my valuation of the Kohler unique $50.00 gold piece is fair and equitable. It is, to my mind, not only the rarest but by far the most interesting, historically and numismatically, of any coin of our territorial issues.

Shall be glad to have you reconsider the proposition as outlined in my previous letter and if you are at all interested in it and if deferred payments would be of interest to you, I shall be glad to cooperate with you in every way, as part payment could be made now and later on the balance at your convenience, say within the next six or nine months. At any rate, I shall be glad to have your opinion on the matter.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

November 9,1951.

L. [illegible] Kohl, Esq.,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Kohl:-

I have been considering carefully your two letters of October 31st and November 4th. I suggest the following for your consideration:

In your letter of October 31st you offer all the coins in question for a cash payment of plus Brasher Doubloon - - - -	[illegible]
The price at which you expected to sell the Massachusetts and Reid pieces quoted to me ([illegible]): equals - - - - - - - -	[illegible]
Balance - - - - - - - -	[illegible]
Less credit by check and Brasher Doubloon - -	[illegible]
Balance to pay - - -	[illegible]

Some of the pieces, for instance one of the New Jersey Cents, were bought by Mr. Newcomer at extremely high prices, and I do not see that any of the prices paid by him, with the possible exception of the Doubloon, were low.

I think you are holding the Kohler considerably too high, particularly when you take into consideration that two other Kohler pieces will be on the market.

I hope we can come to an arrangement in line with the above suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

J G/[illegible]

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

November 12,
1 9 3 1.

Air Mail

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Read and considered your letter of the 9th inst. very carefully. Before I made the prices to you on the coins you have of the Newcomer Collection, I gave them most careful consideration as to their rarity, condition, values, present conditions, etc. I have analyzed it from every possible angle and also took into consideration the fact that I am anxious to make a prompt and good showing to Mr. Newcomer.

In reconsidering the matter from every possible angle I find that it would be quite impossible and it would mean considerable loss to me to make any lower prices on the coins other than outlined to you in my letters of October 31st and November 4th.

While there may be other Kohler Bars, but please remember that there is only one Kohler $50.00 "Slug". This coin has always been considered not only the rarest and most valuable, but also the most historically interesting of all the Territorial coins. It was always thought out of reach of collectors for all time when it was in the collection of the Society of California pioneers.

When we consider that $20,000.00 was paid for the two U. S. Pattern $50.00 gold pieces nearly twenty years ago, I feel that my valuation on this coin is indeed fair and equitable. I feel confident that if you will give the matter your careful consideration you will find that my valuation of these coins is indeed fair and consistent with their great rarity, condition, etc.

Should you however, only feel inclined to accept my proposition as outlined in my letter of November 4th, your remittance for an even $10,000.00 will be acceptable.

You have been very kind and considerate of me and I appreciate it deeply and I have endeavored to reciprocate by making the prices as reasonable and fair as I possibly could, and to make any kind of a reduction from the very liberal proposition as outlined in my letters of October 31st and November 4th would mean a financial loss to me. So, as mentioned before, I feel confident that after you will kindly reconsider the matter that either of the two propositions as outlined to you is indeed very fair and that the acquisition of these great rarities will prove a most gratifying source of possession to you.

Thanking you, and with kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

P. S.

Please consider that in accepting my offer for all the coins you now have of the Newcomer Collection, including the Massachusetts and California $5.00 gold piece and the beautiful Templeton Reid $10.00 gold coin, you would be getting the two great rarities for hardly any more than the Massachusetts and California coin alone brought at auction two years ago. This coin brought $7,900.00, and in accepting my original proposition you would be getting the two coins for only $8,000.

Night Letter.

November 28, 1931.

Max Mehl,
Mehl Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Sorry delay answering your last letter have been completely preoccupied with other things stop There is an error of Six Hundred dollars in your November 4th letter calculation of value plus interest of coins retained and I consider price of Kohler still too high stop Could you not accept additional cash eight thousand in full paymnet for all pieces I now have here excepting Massachusetts and Reid Will send check immediately

Garrett

OFFICE OF

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

CONFIRMING TELEGRAM.

CORRECT COPY.

November 30, 1931.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
c/o Robert Garrett & Sons, Garrett Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

APPRECIATE YOUR TELEGRAM AM ANXIOUS FOR YOU TO HAVE COINS YOU RETAINED AND APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION STOP KOHLER SLUG IS UNQUESTIONABLY RAREST AND MOST HISTORICALLY INTERESTING COIN OF ENTIRE TERRITORIAL SERIES STOP THE RARE COLONIALS YOU RETAINED ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONCE OR TWICE IN LIFE TIME OF ANY COLLECTOR. WHILE I FEEL MY PRICE FAIR BUT FEEL YOUR OFFER IS ALSO FAIR AND IF YOU WILL JUST STRETCH IT A BIT AND MAKE IT FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS MORE I WILL ACCEPT YOUR CHECK EIGHTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR ALL COINS YOU RETAINED EXCEPTING TEMPLETON REID TEN DOLLAR AND MASSACHUSETTS AND CALIFORNIA FIVE. THANKS A LOT.

B. MAX MEHL

(Fwd. PAIL.
Chge to B. Max Mehl)

This is a DAY LETTER

Please notify us of any error or delay in transmission.

November 30, 1937.

B. Max Mehl, Esq.,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I am enclosing my check in accordance with your telegram of today, and I am returning to you by express the Templeton Reid and Massachusetts and California pieces which I regret I do not feel able to keep at the present time.

Many thanks for your courtesy and I wish you the greatest success in selling the Newcomer collection. I shall be most interested in getting a catalogue of it and I may be able to buy some of the pieces next year.

Sincerely yours,

JMG/.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

November 30,
1 9 3 1.

Air Mail

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Appreciate very much indeed your kindness in telegraphing me the acceptance of my offer and I hasten to compliment you on the acquisition of the greatest of all American rarities, the Kohler $50.00 gold piece.

As I told you when I had the pleasure of seeing you personally, it is my intention to issue a very elaborate catalog of the Newcomer Collection, more as a monument to the numismatic interest of Mr. Newcomer and also as a record of one of the finest collections that has ever been formed. It is my intention, of course, to have the more valuable pieces photographed. I wonder, therefore, if I could impose on your good nature to extend me the loan of the rarest of the items you just purchased. I would like to have the Washington Half-Dollar, 1792, (Crosby, Fig. 99; unique), $1500.00. Washington Cent, 1795, $250.00; Fugio Cent, $425.00, Maryland Sixpence, $500.00; Gloucester Shilling, New Hampshire Cent, the Brashear Spanish Doubloon, Washington Cent, E. Pluribus Unum, $1100.00; New Jersey Cent, $1000.00; New Jersey Cent, $1050.00; New Jersey Cent, 1788; the unique variety, $400.00, and of course, the Kohler $50.00 Slug. If you will send these by express, collect, I will be responsible for them, of course, and will return them at my expense within a day or two after I receive them.

I have a photographer here who can do the work and it is my intention to have practically every rarity of the entire collection photographed and when I issue the catalog I will not have any half-tone plates made but will simply have sets of the actual photographs included in the catalog. If you can do this for me I will greatly appreciate it.

Again thanking you, and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

BMM/MF.

ecember ,1931.

D. Lux Lohl, Esq.,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Lohl:-

I have received your letter of November 30th and shall be only too happy to have photographs made of the coins for your catalogue as I am sure that will be a monumental piece of work and of permanent value. At the same time I am loath to send the coins away from my library. I have had photographs made of coins here for the American Numismatic Society which were completely successful, and I think perhaps if you could tell me exactly what form and size you want them in I could have them done for you here.

If you were coming on you could supervise the work here. I have had a slight accident breaking a small bone in my foot which has had to be put in a plaster cast and I am not able to leave my chair and shall be confined here for three or four weeks more. My present intension is to leave Baltimore for New York on

January 4th and sail at midnight on the 5th.

Yours very truly,

JWC/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

AIR MAIL

December
Eighth,
1 9 3 1.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

I delayed acknowledging your good letter of the 30th ult. until the arrival of the Templeton Reid $10. gold piece and the Massachusetts and California $5. These coins came in late yesterday afternoon.

I thank you very much for your remittance and congratulate you on the acquisition of these great rarities.

In reference to the photographs I asked you for, I will appreciate, indeed, if you will have the photographs made at your home and send me several prints of them. Of course, I will be glad to pay for the expense of it.

While it was my intention to go East, but am just so snowed under just at this moment I hardly see my way out. As you know, I have a large Sale today; another sale in preparation and my busy season is just beginning.

I am very anxious, indeed, to enter photographs of the rarities you obtained from the Newcomer Collection in the Catalog I am preparing. This Catalog will undoubtedly serve as a work of reference for many years to come.

Very sorry to hear of your accident and I do hope that your foot will mend quickly and permanently.

Should I find it possible to go East before you leave, I shall be very happy, indeed, to have the opportunity and pleasure of

seeing you.

Trusting it will be possible for you to have these photographs made and again thanking you, and with all good wishes for the coming Holiday Season,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/LL

December 21, 1951.

[illegible] Mehl, [illegible],
Fort [illegible]orth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I am sending you photographs of the coins you wish to have taken, and hope they will be all right for your purposes. I asked you in my letter to let me know how you wanted them taken but as you did not say how I had them done as best I could.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J.G/J

[N15]

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December 22,
1 9 3 1.

Honorable John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

If you will recall, I made memorandums relative to the Pioneer Pattern coins you are interested in and also on some of the lesser rarities in the Pioneer which you lacked in your collection. I want you to know that I have not forgotten about it, but as I have another party negotiating for the entire collection of Pioneer gold, I could not offer them to you until this deal is disposed of. Since the deal is so huge and cannot be rushed and it may not be possible for me to have any definite information for some time to come, and as you are undoubtedly busy getting ready to leave for Rome, I thought best not to bother you with it at this time.

I am simply writing this to show you that I have not overlooked anything that I have promised you. Should you at a little later date desire for me to send the catalog up to you, I shall be happy to hear from you.

I trust that your foot is now healed and perfectly well and also want to take this opportunity of wishing you and Mrs. Garrett a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of happiness and good health and also a pleasant and safe journey to Rome.

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December 28,
1 9 3 1.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Appreciate very much indeed your kind note of the 21st inst. enclosing photographs of the rare coins sold you from the Newcomer Collection, and the photographs will answer the purpose satisfactorily. If you will kindly write and tell me the cost of these photographs I will be glad to reimburse you for them.

Again thanking you, and with all good wishes for a happy and healthy New Year and a most pleasant and safe journey to Rome, I am

Yours most cordially,

BMM/MF.

December 31, 1931.

B. Max Mehl, Esq.,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I am glad the photographs are satisfactory. They did not cost very much and we will call that square.

With best wishes for the New Year

Very sincerely yours,

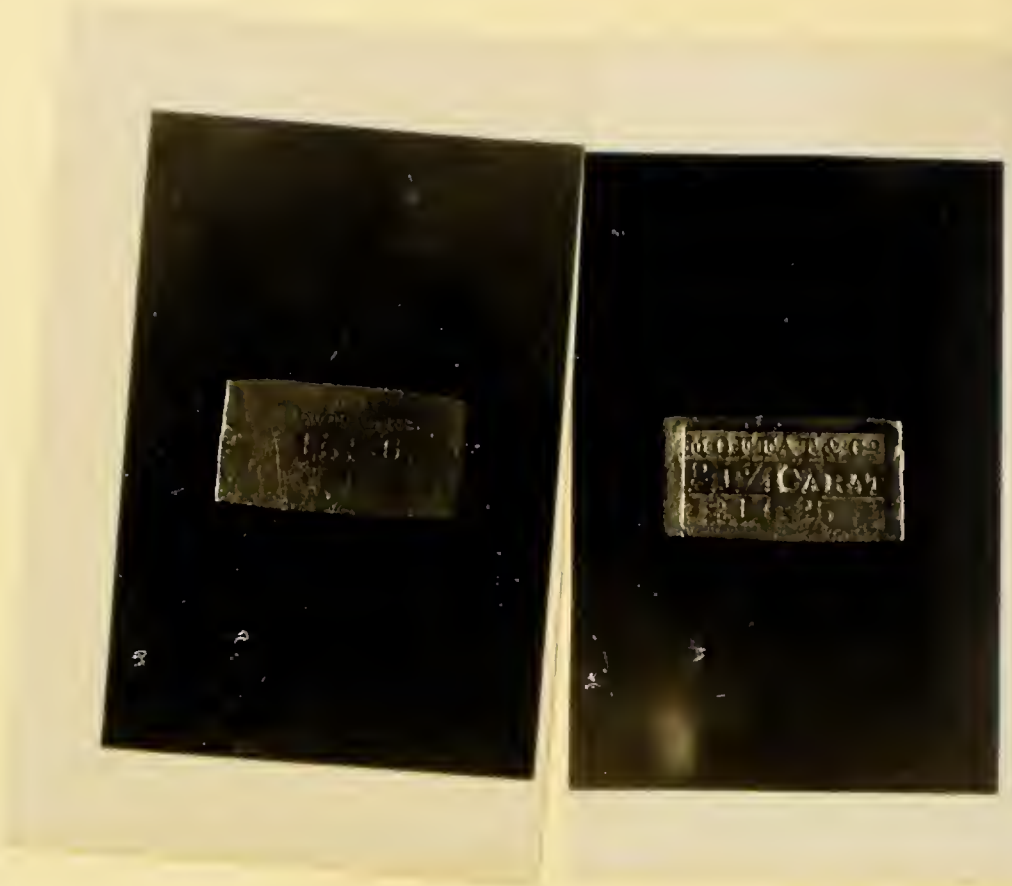
JMG/S

[N157]

Pacific Grove, Calif.

October 15, 1932.

"Regarding the history of the Moffat Ingot I sold you, I regret to say that I can give you very little information concerning it, except that it was purchased by myself from one of the oldest members of a very prominent family, dating back to '49. This party mentioned was a trader conducting a general merchandising establishment in the Sutter Creek district, sixty miles northeast of Sacramento, Calif., and as far as he could remember, the Bar in question is the only one of the $14.25 denomination that he had ever seen and had been kept in his possession as a relic until one year ago when I purchased it from him. As to the name, I am unable to give it, as I kept no record of same. I may say however, that I never could have bought it from him had it not been for the old story we hear every day (depression)."



B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

October 17, 1932.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

From the current Paramount News I was pleased to see that you are on your annual visit home. Regret to note in the current issue of TIME of the illness of Mrs. Garrett and hope that she will soon recover and regain her permanent good health.

Last year when I had the pleasure of seeing you, you indicated that you may be interested in other sections or specimens of the Newcomer Collection. If so, I shall be pleased to take up the matter with you and submit whatever coins you may be interested in which you may lack in your wonderful collection. If there are any quantity of the coins of interest to you, I am certain that I could offer them to you at most advantageous prices.

Also pleased to herewith enclose a photograph of a new discovery I made just recently: - a heretofore unknown specimen of a Moffat Bar !

As you know, the only varieties of the Moffat Bars heretofore known are the $16.00 Bar and the unique $9.43 Bar in the Mint Collection.

Comparing the photographs of this newly discovered Bar and the $9.43 Bar, you will note the irregularity of the first Bar and the perfected shape of this one. You will also notice that the $9.43 Bar is 21-7/16 carats; the $14.25 Bar is 21¾ carats. Also, this new Bar is stamped on reverse the same as is the $9.43 only, of course, giving the different weight. I discovered this Bar in a small town in California and have just succeeded in purchasing it.

You are the first collector who is being informed of my possession of it. I feel that with your ownership of the Kohler Bar, that this coin would be a valuable and appropriate addition to your collection. Shall be glad to hear from you what you think of it and whether or not you would be interested in it and any of the other greater rarities of the Pioneer and Colonial series of the Newcomer Collection.

Anticipating the pleasure of hearing from you, and with kind personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

It will undoubtedly interest you to learn that I have sold all of the U. S. gold and nearly all of the U. S. silver of the Newcomer Collection. Only have a number of the greater rarities of the Pioneer and Colonial pieces left.

Am planning to be East shortly.

BMM/MF.

B.M.M.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

October 18, 1932.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

I overlooked to enclose a copy of a letter I received from the former owner of the unique Moffat Bar, a photograph of which I sent you yesterday.

Apparently, Moffat and Kohler both issued Bars of various denominations, and these Bars undoubtedly found their way into the melting pot soon after. I am sure that this bit of information will prove of much interest to you.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

October 26, 1932.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Mehl Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

Of course I am very much interested in the discovery which you have made of a Moffat Bar, but I am sorry to say that at the present time I cannot consider its purchase. Perhaps later on I should be able to take up with you some of the Newcomer pieces, but for those also, as far as I am concerned, the present moment is not propitious. Besides all this I am going back to Rome in a few weeks and I am so busy that I have not yet had time to even look at my coins. I congratulate you on having sold the Newcomer gold and silver. If you are in the East before I sail about the end of November, I should be very glad to see you.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

October 2, 1933.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

In your last letter to me, about a year ago, you intimated that at this time you might be interested in some of the greater rarities of the Newcomer Collection, both in the Colonials and also the Pioneer, such as the Massachusetts Five-Dollar piece, etc.

Just at this time I can offer these to you at prices which I am sure you will recognize as most advantageous to you.

Would you care if I made up a list or a selection and sent them to you ? Or, as I am going East the middle of this month, would you care for me to send them ahead and then come to see you and discuss the matter personally ? I will greatly appreciate a reply from you at your earliest convenience.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

Coins

October 10,1933.

Mr. B. Max Mohl,
Mohl Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mohl:-

I have your letter of October 2nd. I am not now able to buy coins though I am always interested in them and should like to talk them over with you. I shall be in Baltimore from now on and will be very glad to see you here.

Very truly yours,

JWG/B

November 28,1933.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

My collection of California slugs lacks two pieces, Adams No.11 and 12. Adams No.11-A has been proved to be fictitious. I have his 11-B and 12-B. As I have never come across No.11 and 12 I think it is quite likely that he may also have been mistaken about them and that they do not exist. Did Mr. Newcomer have these pieces in his collection or do you know of their existence elsewhere ? Or can you be sure from your knowledge they do not exist?

Very truly yours,

JMG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

February 20th
1 9 3 7

Mr. Jno. W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

* Under separate cover by insured mail I am sending you an especially bound advance copy of a booklet I have just issued on the United States Commemorative Coins, and which I trust will prove of interest to you. Please accept it with my compliments.

* Kind regards.

Sincerely yours.

BMM/ER

March 22, 1937

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Thank you very much for your booklet on Commemorative Coins, which I have looked through with much interest.

I started adding these coins to my collection years ago and kept it up for a long time, but when it became a racket I gave it up. I think it is a pity that it should have been so unworthily overdone.

Sincerely yours,

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

March 25th
of our 37th year
1 9 3 7.

Air Mail

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Appreciate your kind note of the 22nd.

I agree with your remarks relative to the commemorative coins. In fact until about two years ago I made no effort to handle any quantity of them, but, naturally being in the numismatic business, it is necessary for me to handle the class of coins that a goodly proportion of the new collectors are interested in, therefore, I went into it on a big scale and now own probably the largest stock of commemoratives in the country.

Should you be interested to fill out the balance of your set, I shall be glad to send them to you at very special prices.

Also have a few of the rare Patterns of the Pioneer Gold pieces. These, of course, are struck in copper. They are from the Newcomer Collection, and if you care to see them, shall be glad to send them to you without any obligation on your part.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

BMM/MF.

March 27, 1937

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I have your letter of March 25.

At present I shall not want any Commemorative Coins, but you may send me a list of the Pioneer Patterns you have, with a statement of prices. And if I want any later I shall let you know.

Sincerely yours,

B. MAX MEHL
Numismatist

Importer and Dealer in
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APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

March 30th
of our 37th year
1 9 3 7.

Air Mail

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you for your kind note of the 27th.

Herewith enclose a list of all of the rare Pioneer Patterns I now have in stock, among which I trust you will find some of interest to you.

Of course, it is not necessary for me to say anything about the rarity of these coins. You know more about them than I do, but all I do want to say is that I shall be glad to send them to you on approval without the slightest obligation on your part. In point of rarity, they are far more rare than the gold specimens, but, of course, the buyers for these coins are equally as rare, therefore, I think you will find my prices very reasonable and fair. As mentioned before, I shall be delighted to send them to you on approval without any obligation on your part.

Thanking you for the opportunity of quoting you on these coins, and anticipating the pleasure of hearing from you, I am

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

QUOTATIONS CHEERFULLY MADE WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST OBLIGATION
LARGE STOCK SENT ON APPROVAL TO ANY ONE WHO ASKS

Special Quotations Prepared for Hon. John W. Garrett, March 30th, 1937.

Patterns of Pioneer Gold Coins.

1	1849	$5.00. Massachusetts & California. Struck in copper.	$ 150.00
2	1849	$5.00. Massachusetts & California. Struck in silver. (Record over $500.00) - -	250.00
3	1849	$5.00. Cincinnati Mining & Trading Co. According to the records available, there are only two specimens known. This one is extremely fine, nearly uncirculated; far superior than the Newcomer specimen, for which he paid $750.00. Price -	450.00
4		$20.00 Kellogg & Co. Same type as gold, but without date under Liberty head. Uncirculated. Undoubtedly unique. - - -	125.00
5	1849	$2.50. Pacific Company. Silver. Plugged. Believed to be unique. - - -	210.00
6	1849	$5.00. Dubosq. & Co. Without Liberty head. Believed to be unique. - - -	185.00
7	1849	$2.50. Dubosq. & Co. Nearly uncirculated; plain edge. Believed to be unique. - -	185.00
8		$10.00. San Francisco, Moran & Clark. Copper. Milled edge. Doubt if more than two are known to exist.	250.00
9	———	$20.00. Colorado. View of Pikes Peak, but not usual pyramid as found on the Copper Patterns. This is from the actual die of the Pikes Peak $20.00 of 1860, but struck on a thin lead planchet, the Pikes Peak side only. Reverse, blank. Only one I know of. - -	50.00
10	1860	$10.00. Pikes Peak. Same die as the gold. Uncirculated. Rare; far more so than the gold specimen.	35.00
11	1861	$20.00. Pikes Peak. Struck in copper; milled edge.	10.00
12	1861	$20.00. Pikes Peak. Copper, but plain edge. Uncirculated. Extremely rare. -	25.00
13	1861	$5.00. Colorado. Clark, Gruber & Co. Copper.	5.00
14	1861	$2.50. Clark, Gruber & Co. Copper. -	5.00
15	1861	$10.00. Colorado. Clark, Gruber & Co. Copper.	6.00

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B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

April First
of our 37th year
1 9 3 7.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

While I am an extensive dealer in the commemorative coins of the United States, but have only been extensively interested in them for the past two or three years, as I never approved of the manner in which they were offered to the public by the Commissions.

As you probably know, at this moment there are at least thirty or forty bills before Congress on the coining of more commemorative issues, some for the most insignificant and ridiculous motives. Am endeavoring to use what influence I have in stopping this practice.

I wonder if you would object to my using an excerpt of your letter of the 22nd where you mention that you gave up the collecting of commemoratives on account of the promiscous issues. Will appreciate this courtesy on your part.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

B. Max Mehl

I felt sure that you would not object, but did not want to do so without your kind consent.

BMM/MF.

April 3, 1937

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Thanks very much for the list of "Pioneer Patterns." I have in my collection the following ones;

Massachusetts & California, both in copper and in silver, (Adams, 59, 60, 60a)

and I have an original of the Cincinnati $5.00, (A 30). I also have

Pacific Company (A 63)
Dubosq $2.50 (A 58)
Moran & Clark (A 67)
Clark & Co., 1860, $10.00
Clark, Gruber & Co., 1861, $20.00
Plain eggs, $5.00 & $10.00.

I should be glad if you would send me, on approval, the following pieces from your list;

Kellogg and Company, $20.00

Dubosq $5.00 (A57)
Clark $20.00
Clark, Gruber $20.00 milled edge,
and $2.50.

You will see from the list of those that I have that there are at least two of the Pacific Company and of the Dubosq $2,50, so that neither yours or mine are unique.

Referring to your letter of April 1, I have no objection to your quoting my opinion of the Commemorative Coin racket.

Sincerely yours,

B. MAX MEHL
Numismatist

Importer and Dealer in
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of all Countries and Periods

APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April Sixth
of our 37th year
1 9 3 7.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thanks a lot for your kind note of the 3rd inst. just received.

First, I want to congratulate you on your possession of an original of the Cincinnati $5.00. Was under the impression that the mint specimen was the only one known.

Enclosed are the coins you asked for and trust they will meet with your entire approval. Also want to thank you for your kindness in permitting me to use quotations from your letter relative to the commemorative coins. Am endeavoring to put a stop to the present practices of their issue.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

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B. MAX MEHL

Numismatist

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SELECTIONS CONSIGNED ON APPROVAL

TELEPHONE 4-4691

CABLE ADDRESS MEHL, FORT WORTH

To Hon. John W. Garrett,

4545 Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Shipped Via REGISTERED

April 6th, 1937.

1	$20.00, Kellogg & Co., Pattern, without date. Uncirculated.	$ 125.00
2	1849 $5.00, Dubosq. & Co. Copper.	185.00
3	$20.00, Colorado. View of Pikes Peak. Struck on lead planchet.	50.00
4	1861, $20.00, Pikes Peak. Copper. Milled edge.	10.00
5	1861 $2.50, Colorado. Copper.	5.00
6	1860 $20.00, Colorado. Copper Pattern. Milled edge.	10.00
		$ 385.00

RECEIVED PAYMENT
April 20-1937
B. MAX MEHL
M. Ferguson Secy

Please accept

April 13, 1937

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I am keeping five of the Territorial Patterns that you sent me, and I inclose my check for $200.00 in payment.

One of them I am returning, namely the Dubosq $5.00.

Sincerely yours,

B. MAX MEHL
Numismatist

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Rare Coins, Medals and Paper Money
of all Countries and Periods

APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

April Twentieth
of my 37th Numismatic Year
1 9 3 7.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

This is to acknowledge and thank you very much for your kind note enclosing remittance for $200.00 and the return of the Dubosq $5.00 in full settlement of invoice of April 6th.

At any time I can be of any other service to you, I shall be happy to hear from you.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

BMM/MF.

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APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

November 4th
of my 37th Numismatic Year
1 9 3 7.

Air Mail

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Just returned from a little trip, on which I secured a nice collection of coins, among which I find three or four very unusual Assay Bars.

As I know that you're interested in them, would you care for me to send them to you on approval without the slightest obligation on your part.

I will not offer these to anyone else until I hear from you so will, therefore, appreciate a response from you at your early convenience.

I don't mind telling you that these items are from the great Brand Collection of Chicago.

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

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B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

November 9th, 1937

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

Pleased to send you herewith description of the most unusual Assay bars mentioned in my letter of the 14th ult. and in accordance with your kind request of the 5th inst. I trust you will find them of interest to you and shall be glad to send them to you on approval without the slightest obligation on your part.

With regard to the Brand Collection, this collection has been divided some four or five years ago. The news items regarding it referred only to a difference between two of the heirs, but this was only a small portion of the collection, the greater portion of which, especially the U. S., has been disposed of. I have handled a great quantity of the coins from this famous collection. As you probably know, it originally contained practically everything in numismatics. There are still a large number of rarities to be disposed of, among which are a large portion of the coins from the Dr. Hall Collection. As far as I know, there is no catalog or list of the collection available. But if you could kindly send me a list of the American Colonials you lack, I should be glad to advise you which of them are still available and at what prices they may be had. Am sure that I could arrange to have anything you want submitted to you on approval without any obligation on your part.

Thanking you for your interest, and with kind personal regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

BMM/EM

U. S. Assay Bars as per illustrations enclosed.

1.	Apparently a very old bar. Do not know its origin.	$ 55.00
2.	Large silver bar. Blake and Company,	90.00
3.	1912 Denver Assay,	125.00
4.	Baker City Oregon, 1907. I think this should be classified as a necessity piece. This is only the second one I have ever seen.	160.00

November 5, 1937

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Before sending them on approval, I should prefer to have you send me details about the Assay Bars mentioned in your letter of November 4, as well as prices. I have not been buying very much lately, but I might possibly be interested at this time.

I see that the Brand Collection has been finally divided and I should be glad to hear what it really contains, especially in the American Series.

Sincerely yours,

JWG:eb

November 19, 1937

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I do not want to get any of the Assay Bars, of which you were good enough to send me rubbings. They do not particularly interest me.

With regard to American Colonial Coins, I have been able, in continuation of my father's collection, to get nearly all the types (not of course all Dye varieties) and I have very little desire to add further to that series, which is as a series the most important part of my collection. I have, for instance, a good example of every type of the Connecticut Cents, but it might interest me at some time to add a number of dye varieties of those types. My set of the New Jersey cents, and New York and Vermont coppers is as complete as I care to make it. I have not got a "Good Samaritan shilling" and some day I might be glad to add one of the two unique varieties, if it were obtainable.

As far as I know they were not in the Brand Collection. I have not got one of the "Non Dependens" (Crosby, Figure 50), a peice of rather doubtful importance in my opinion. Of course, if there are any of the American Colonial series in the Brand Collection for sale, not figured in Crosby, or any other standard work, I should be interested in knowing of them.

Yours sincerely,

JWG:eb

September 8, 1939

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Although I always look through your catalogue with interest, I am not now buying any coins. I think, perhaps, it is only fair to let you know this so that you will not continue to send me your catalogues.

Very truly yours,

JWG/eb

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

September 9th,
of my 39th Numismatic Year,
1 9 3 9.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

I have a beautiful specimen of the Parsons & Co. $5.00 Gold struck in copper. It is by far the best I have ever seen and is better than the specimen in the Newcomer Collection. My price for it is only $125.00. The Newcomer specimen cost $250.00.

I will not offer this coin to anyone else until hearing from you and, therefore, will appreciate a reply from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

BMM/MA.

September 11, 1939

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Although as I wrote you yesterday I have stopped buying coins for the time being, I think it would be just as well for me to add to my collection the Parson's $5.00 trial piece. Would you send it to me on approval? I shall either take it or return it to you immediately if I decide against it.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/eb

B. MAX MEHL
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail Registered

September 13th,
of my 39th Numismatic Year,
1 9 3 9.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

In accordance with your kind note of the 11th inst. just received, am pleased to send you herewith on approval the Parson $5.00 piece in copper.

I think it will meet with your approval, as I believe it is as fine, if not finer, than any of the three specimens known to exist, - (as far as I know).

Again many thanks, and with kind personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MA.

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B. MAX MEHL

Numismatist

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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TELEPHONE 4-4691

CABLE ADDRESS "MEHL, FORT WORTH"

To Hon. John W. Garrett,

4545 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

Shipped Via Air Mail Registered — September 13, 1939.

Colorado (1860) $5.00
Jno. Parson & Co. Struck in
copper. Very fine; excessiv-
ely rare. $125.00

RECEIVED PAYMENT
Sept 19, 1939
B. MAX MEHL
M. Ferguson
BY
Your Business is ALWAYS APPRECIATED

September 15, 1939

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I am glad to keep the Parson Trial Piece and inclose my check in payment.

There are a few patterns that might interest me if you come across them, for instance, Denver City Assay Office, 1860, Reverse Eagle and also Reverse Pan, Shovel and Pick. I have the Reverse Shorl. They are all in copper. I might also consider the original Mormon 1849 $10.00 gold piece.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/eb

B. MAX MEHL
Numismatist

Importer of and Dealer in
Rare Coins, Medals and Paper Money
of all Countries and Periods

APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

September 19th
of my 39th Numismatic Year
1 9 3 9.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you very much for your prompt remittance for $125.00 in full settlement of invoice of the 13th. Receipted statement is herewith enclosed.

At any time I run across the Trial pieces you mention, I shall be glad to advise you.

I only regret that you did not write me a little sooner regarding the Mormon TEN, which I had until a few weeks ago and which I sold on the Pacific Coast.

Again many thanks, and with kind regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

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APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

February 27th
of my 40th Numismatic Year
1 9 4 0.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Knowing that you are interested in the unusual Trial pieces of Pioneer Gold, I am sure you will be interested in a specimen I have just discovered and which I believe is the first and only specimen known. It is an impression of the Parsons $2.50 gold piece of Colorado struck on a U. S. silver Half-Dollar of 1855. It is undoubtedly, of course, a Trial piece, as there are other pieces of similar issues struck on various U. S. silver coins, but they are usually of the same size. What I mean by that is that a $2.50 gold piece would be struck on a U. S. Dime, etc.

As you know, there is a Shultz $5.00 Pattern or Trial piece known to be struck on a Mexican silver dollar. This was in the Newcomer Collection, for which Mr. Newcomer paid approximately $1500.00.

As the demand for these pieces is not so great now, I would sell the Parsons piece for only $150. Of course, I shall be delighted to send it to you on approval for your inspection. Even if you do not care to purchase, but only want to see it, shall be glad to send it to you.

Trusting you are enjoying good health, and with kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

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APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail Registered

March 6th,
of my 40th Numismatic Year,
1 9 4 0.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Phoenix, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

I have received your card and hasten to send you herewith the rare Parsons $2.50 Trial piece which I trust will prove of interest to you.

This is the first and only specimen of this piece I have ever seen or heard of, and I feel quite certain that I would be safe in pronouncing it as unique.

Many thanks for a prompt report, and with kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MA.

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Numismatist

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SELECTIONS CONSIGNED ON APPROVAL

TELEPHONE 4-4691

CABLE ADDRESS "MEHL, FORT WORTH"

To Hon. John W. Garrett,

C/o Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona.

150.00

Shipped Via Air Mail Registered March 6th, 1940.

Trial Piece, Parsons $2.50
gold piece, struck on a
U. S. silver Half-Dollar
of 1855. $ 150.00

Postage and registration
Paid.

RECEIVED PAYMENT
March 11, 1940
B. MAX MEHL
BY M. Agnesan
Your Business Always Appreciated

PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO

AIR MAIL

May 15, 1940

Hon. John W. Garrett
4545 North Charles St.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

I am happy to advise you that after more than three years of negotiations I have finally secured the famous collection formed by the late William H. Dunham. This collection, as you probably know, includes every date of U. S. coinage, including the only pedigreed 1822 half eagle outside of the U.S. Mint Collection. Originally it was in the Harlan P. Smith collection from which Mr. Dunham secured it in 1906.

The collection also contains the Dexter 1804 dollar, as well as all other rarities.

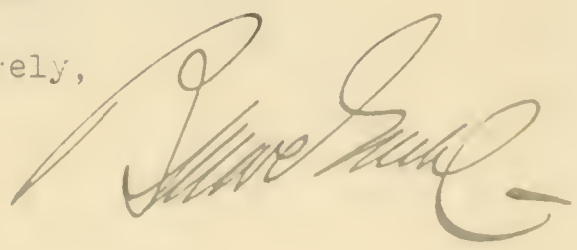
I don't mind telling you that when I first wrote you regarding 1822 half eagle I referred to the specimen in the Brand collection. This coin was originally held at $20,000. I was offered the exclusive sale for it at a net price of $13,000. I was not sure whether I cared to handle it for the reason that the coin is not in nearly as good state of preservation as the Dunham specimen, also it does not have a pedigree.

The Dunham 1822 half eagle is practically uncirculated. I feel that you should certainly have it in your great collection. And at this time I would dispose of it for $10,000. As far as rarity, I believe you will agree with me that it can be classed as almost unique.

Should you be interested, I shall be most happy to hear from you. I am leaving for home tonight.

Kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

June Sixth
of my 40th Numismatic Year
1 9 4 0.

Air Mail
Special Delivery

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

It has been so long since I have had the great pleasure of viewing your wonderful Collection, and as it contains so many rarities, I do not recall whether or not you have the greatest of all United States rarities, - the 1822 Half Eagle. If you do not have it, would you be interested in its purchase ?

As you know, there are only three specimens known to exist, one of which is in the United States Mint Collection, and two in private hands. I think one of them may be now obtained, and if interested, I shall be glad to hear from you. Of course, I understand that any expression from you will be without the slightest obligation on your part.

May I have the pleasure of hearing from you promptly ?

Trusting that you are enjoying the best of health, and with kindest personal regards I am

Sincerely yours,

BMM/MF.

June 10, 1940

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

Of course the 1822 Half Eagle ought to be in my collection but I feel at this time quite unable to set aside the money for its purchase in view of other calls.

I should be glad to know into whose hands it goes when you dispose of it. It would interest me also to know where the third example is.

Please do not send any more mail to me at my former office as it means delay in delivery. My proper address is as above.

Yours very truly,

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Air Mail

June Eleventh
of my 40th Numismatic Year
1 9 4 0.

Hon. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Many thanks for your kind note of the 10th inst. just received which reached me just as I was leaving for the train, leaving on a trip to endeavor to purchase a collection including the 1822 Half Eagle.

The three specimens of the 1822 Half Eagle are one in the Mint Collection; the other in the Dunham Collection, formerly in the Harlan P. Smith Collection. Then there is another specimen in the Brand Collection of Chicago, but this piece is not pedigreed. I have never seen it and there seems to be a little "cloud" about it. I realize the importance of a coin of this kind with a pedigree. Of course, the specimen in the Dunham Collection is the only other specimen outside of the Mint specimen which has been known for the past seventy-five years or more.

I don't know just exactly what the coin may be purchased for at this time, but I believe if I secure the collection it may be possible for me to offer the coin at a great deal less than what it would have brought a few years ago. Should I secure the collection, I shall be glad to again get in touch with you and we may be able to work out some sort of a deal on it.

Again many thanks, and with kind personal regards I am

Sincerely yours,

BMM/MF.

Please read the enclosed as confidential

BMM

June 20, 1940

B. Max Mehl
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Mehl:

All that you say about the desirability of the 1822 Half Eagle is true but as I have already written you I am not in the market for it.

Sincerely,

JWG/eb

Box V Folder 3 MEHL, B. MAX, 1928-1940 (JWG)